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ON SATURDAY 25 JUNE FROM 7 AM TO 1 PM TABERNACLE AND SHAMONG OEMS WILL COMBINE WITH THE PINELANDS REGIONAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN EXERCISE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN THE HOLY EUCHERAST PARKING LOT.

The exercise will be the establishment and operations of a Point of Distribution or POD which would be used to distribute medicine to the residents of Tabernacle and Shamong in the event of a major medical emergency.

OEM and CERT have been working on and planning this event for several months with the intent of practicing contingency plans for emergency situations. Although this is a purely training event and not related to the real world, it is one more example of how we are preparing to protect our communities.

During the exercise there will be vehicle movement and the emplacement of barriers but no roads will be closed.

Community observers are welcome and in fact if anyone who like to "play" in the exercise or test the readiness of the participants, you are encouraged to drive through the distribution site from 10 AM to 11 AM on Saturday. Just access the church parking lot exercise site from Carranza Road and follow the directions of the CERT members. Just remember this is an exercise and you will be asked to evaluate the effectiveness of the operation.

THIS IS AN EXERCISE IN EMERGENCY PRPEAREDNESS SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF COMMENTS MAKE THEM HERE OR CALL ME ON MY CELL AT 609-234-3714.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.

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